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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

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SUBJECT: US ASSISTANCE IN HANDLING TUNA VESSEL DETENTIONS

REF: A) CLARKE-NEGROPONTE JANUARY 29 TELECON B) STATE 20103

1. SINCE FIRST TUNA VESSEL SEIZURES TOOK PLACE JANUARY 25 BOTH EMBASSY QUITO AND CONGEN GUAYAQUIL HAVE BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO EXPEDITE RELEASE OF VESSELS AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED US CITIZENS. GUAYAQUIL'S REPORTING HAS COVERED AND WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ITS ACTIVITIES IN SUBSTANTIAL DETAIL.

2. FOR OUR PART, EMBASSY QUITO HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN OFFICE SINCE MONDAY JANUARY 27 WITH A VIEW TO EMPHASIZING NEED FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESOLUTION. RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACHES, FONOFF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY ADVISOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE INFORMED POLCOUNS JAN 28 THAT BOTH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER VALDEZ AND CNO VASQUEZ HAD BEEN INFORMED OF OUR CONCERN AND AGREED THAT MATTER SHOULD BE SETTLED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
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POSSIBLE "IN INTEREST OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS."

BUSTAMANTE SAID THAT VALDEZ WOULD CONVEY OUR CONCERN TO PRESIDENT AT LUNCH JAN 28. BUSTAMANTE CALLED EMBASSY LATER JAN 28 TO SAY THAT MATTER OF FINES WOULD BE DECIDED SAME DAY OR JAN 29 AT LATEST. (DECISION IN FACT TAKEN AFTERNOON JAN 28.)

3. MORNING JANUARY 29 FONOFF OFFICIALS INFORMED POL COUNS THAT MATTER HAD NOW BEEN DECIDED FROM GOE POINT OF VIEW AND THAT VESSEL REPRESENTATIVES HAD THREE DAYS TO APPEAL DECISION. IF THEY DID NOT WANT TO APPEAL, THEY COULD PAY FINES RIGHT AWAY AND VESSELS WOULD BE FREE TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PROVISION HAD BEEN MADE FOR CONFISCATION OF CATCH. IN MEANWHILE, PENDING OWNERS' DECISION REGARDING APPEAL NOTHING WOULD BE DONE EITHER TO COLLECT FINES OR CONFISCATE CATCH. BREWSTER

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